

an inlet for directing water to be filtered to the first porous filter part, and  
an outlet for directing water filtered by passage through the first porous filter part to  
a point of use,

wherein the polymeric binder comprises a porous polymer with a melt index of from  
1.1 - 2.3 g/10 min (ASTM D1238, 190°C, 15 kg Load).

Please cancel claim 2.

5. (amended) The filter for removing contaminants from water according to  
claim 1 wherein the first porous filter has a peripheral surface through which untreated  
water passes in moving from the inlet towards the outlet.

6. (amended) The filter for removing contaminants from water according to  
claim 1 further comprising a peripheral filtering layer around the first porous filter part  
through which water to be filtered is passed in moving toward the first porous filter part.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are currently pending in the application. Claims 25-31 have been  
withdrawn from consideration. Claim 2 is hereby cancelled.

Claims 1, 5, 13, 21, 22 and 24 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 as obvious over  
U.S. Patent No. 5,882,517, to Chen et al (Chen). Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 USC  
§103 as obvious over Chen in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,904,854, to Shmidt et al (Shmidt).